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SUBJECT: GSP - REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF TARO

REF: A. SUVA 1306 B. STATE 284894

1. UNFORTUNATELY, REF A ARRIVED JUST AT THE CLOSE OF THE PROCESS WHERE THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE DECIDES WHICH PRODUCTS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING THE CURRENT SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW. USITC DETERMINED THAT TARO IN ITS RAW, NATURAL STATE WOULD ENTER UNDER 136.00, DASHEENS, WHICH IS ALREADY ELIGIBLE FOR GSP. IF THE TARO EXPORTED TO THE US IS CUT INTO SMALL PIECES, STARCHED OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED, IT WOULD COME IN UNDER ANOTHER CATEGORY WHICH MIGHT HAVE A DUTY. DUE TO LACK OF TIME, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER TARO DURING THIS CYCLE, SINCE TPSC

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UNAWARE OF EXACTLY WHAT TYPE OF TARO IS EXPORTED.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TARO IS ENTERING UNDER 136.00, AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP, BUT THAT EXPORTERS ARE SIMPLY NOT ASKING FOR GSP TREATMENT. IF SO, THE PROBLEM IS EASILY SOLVED. HOWEVER, IF TARO IS ENTERING UNDER ANOTHER NUMBER WHICH HAS A DUTY AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP, SPEC SHOULD IDENTIFY TYPES OF TARO EXPORTED TO US, AND THE TSUS NUMBERS UNDER WHICH IT CURRENTLY ENTERING. TPSC WILL THEN DECIDE

WHETHER OR NOT TO CONSIDER TARO DURING NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW. FYI AS MENTIONED REF B, TPSC WILL DECIDE DURING GENERAL REVIEW IN SPRING WHETHER OR NOT PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING OUR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEWS, AND NECESSARY PROCEDURES.

3. SHOULD TARO PRODUCT EXPORTED TO US NOT BE ON GSP, WE BELIEVE THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FOR SPEC TO CONTACT IMPORTER OR END USER IN US AND HAVE THEM FILE A PETITION WITH TPSC AS DISCUSSED IN STATE 0063. THIS WILL INSURE FULL CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY TPSC SINCE PETITION PROCEDURES ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND WE BELIEVE WOULD GIVE BEST CHANCE FOR ADDITION OF TARO. ROBINSON

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